

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Renda Crowe on her selection as the 2012-2013 Tennessee Teacher of the Year for the East Grand Division.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Renda Crowe is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowe was recently selected as the 2012-2013 Tennessee Teacher of the Year for the East Grand Division, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator, Mrs. Crowe earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and her master's and educational specialist degrees from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, her impressive career includes one year of service at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, fourteen years at Greenback School, eight years at Carpenters Middle School, and four years at William Blount High School, where she teaches theatre; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her exemplary work in the classroom, Mrs. Crowe has received numerous honors in addition to her most recent victory, including four school-level Teacher of the Year awards, four county-level Teacher of the Year awards, and selection as a top nine finalist for the 2007-2008 Middle and High School Tennessee Teacher of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the community, Renda Crowe has devoted her time and energy to many worthwhile causes, such as working with college age youth at Fairview Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crowe draws much strength from the love and support of her husband, Dodd Crowe, who teaches social studies at Carpenters Middle School; and

WHEREAS, while she has made a profound impact on her students, she is also an inspiration to her two children, Seth Crowe, who majors in theatre at the University of Tennessee, and Olivia Crowe, who majors in English and theatre at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Renda Crowe truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Renda Crowe on being chosen as the 2012-2013 Tennessee Teacher of the Year for the East Grand Division, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.